

Gigantic Rum Ring Bared in Chicago Hotel

Thousands of Gallons of Liquor Said to Have Been Obtained by Manipulating Sacramental Permits

Rabbi's Orders Raised

Vast Cargoes Billed for Churches Found to Be Whisky and Champagne

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Prohibition agents have come across the workings of a gigantic booze ring, operating with headquarters in a Chicago hotel. The ring specializes in manipulating "sacramental" wine and whisky certificates and employs political influence, chicanery, protection by officials, wholesale graft and religious pressure in its operations, the dry agents say.

Books of a Kentucky distillery show that one house alone shipped 177 barrels of whisky for "sacramental" purposes to this ring. Receipts from teamsters and others show this whisky was delivered to the hotel headquarters, but there is no entry showing its receipt by the consignees or its disposition.

The records also show that a shipment from a Kentucky distillery of 3,000 cases of whisky was released to the consignees under the representation that it was to be sent to New York for export. The evidence shows it was sold in Chicago.

A North Side fur dealer obtained, on two orders from rabbis calling for "sacramental" wine, two ten-gallon lots.

Permits issued by rabbis for "sacramental" wine were used by the combine to ship large quantities. One rabbi issued an order for 600 gallons, which was raised to 6,000 gallons by the gang, and that amount was obtained. Another rabbi issued an order for 700 gallons, and this was raised to 7,000 gallons.

Vast cargoes of liquor brought in as "sacramental" wine was not wine at all, but hard whisky, and in many cases champagne. The prohibition forces have secured sworn statements from teamsters and others concerning transfers from cars and warehouses to alleged druggists, who were operating without any license. These prices in

"Commuting Convict" Makes 14th Trip Here

Frank Taylor, of New York City, serving a term in Sing Sing prison for grand larceny, has earned the sobriquet of the "commuting convict."

Yesterday Taylor was brought here for the fourteenth time in five months. He goes back and forth on a Supreme Court order to be a witness in a civil proceeding. Warden Lawes has pointed out that the expenses are borne by one of the litigants, and not by the state.

really were distributing points for the booze. The front windows would contain a few packages of absorbent cotton and a showing of proprietary medicines, but the entire business was the distribution of booze.

Wedding Guest Held for Stabbing of 8 Years Ago

Returns to See Pal Marry and Alleged Victim Has Him Arrested

Michael Pazy, twenty-seven years old, would be a free man to-day if he had not insisted upon attending the wedding in Jersey City yesterday of Harry Marchant, his best friend.

Pazy is alleged to have stabbed Michael Zohdannel, of 235 Pacific Avenue, Jersey City, eight years ago at the christening of Zohdannel's baby, following which he is supposed to have fled the city. Yesterday his old pal married Stella Muria, of 216 Whiton Street, at the latter's home, and Pazy came in from Philadelphia, where the police say, he has been in hiding.

Pazy did not notice Zohdannel, who he is alleged to have stabbed, among the guests. At the height of the festivities Zohdannel, who had disappeared after Pazy's entrance, reappeared with half a dozen policemen and Pazy was taken to a cell at Police Headquarters and held without bail for a hearing in the police court to-day.

Day Drops Two Agents to Stop Border Leaks

General Shake-Up of Up-State Prohibition Forces Will Follow; Parsons Orders Transfer of Score

Plan Central Warehouse

Stringent Measure to Dry Up New York Likely; Brooklyn Cafes Raided

Two prohibition agents on duty on the Canadian border were discharged yesterday, more than a score are soon to be transferred and a general shake-up in the border forces is impending because of alleged dereliction of duty, it was said yesterday by Prohibition Director Ralph A. Day. The director, who has just been in conference with Deputy Commissioner John E. Jones, of Washington, and who was leaving for the capital to attend an important conference, referred inquiries regarding the border affairs to State Chief Agent John S. Parsons and City Chief Agent Chris Fortman.

There were various rumors at headquarters as to the significance of the director's trip to Washington. It was said that the matter of the selection of a concentration warehouse, where all bonded liquors are to be stored, would be decided within a day or two, but that a more important matter was concerned in the conferences at the Washington prohibition headquarters. Director Day, it was intimated, might be questioned regarding various phases of the work in New York.

Shipments Smuggled

The shake-up on the border was said to have resulted from the report that liquor shipments had been known recently to get by the border guard, which for some months has been regarded as a smuggler-proof. The shake-up will be conducted by Mr. Parsons, who referred questioners yesterday to Director Day. It is said that Chief Parsons is determined to make it impossible for agents on the border to

relax in their efforts to prevent border smuggling if he has to remove every agent on duty there.

General agents Henry Greenwald, Ross Saver and George Fennell reported yesterday that they had discovered the release of 200 cases of whisky valued at \$20,000 from the Kentucky Distillers and Warehouse Company's plant at Twenty-eighth Street and Eleventh Avenue. The release was in two 100-case lots on permits and verifications which had been counterfeited and forged. In order to get the verifications it was said by the agents that the postal service in Philadelphia had been tampered with. Both 100-case lots were consigned to legitimate dealers who had no knowledge of the alleged fraudulent transaction. The liquor was then diverted to bootleg channels while presumably en route to the Philadelphia dealers, it is charged.

Several Raids in Brooklyn

Several raids on cafes were reported from Brooklyn. Agents in one foray had an exciting automobile chase and fired several shots at an alleged fugitive bartender. Some agents, headed by Bernard Neary, entered the cafe of Joseph Baxter, 1224 Myrtle Avenue, where they charge they were served with drinks by Charles Lang, a bartender.

When the agents started to write summonses, it is charged, Lang took a club and broke the glasses, after which he jumped through an open window into a waiting automobile and fled. The agents in another car gave chase, and after they had fired several shots, Lang's car stopped and he was arrested.

William Kurt, Charles Hans and Wilhelm Steibach, German sailors on the Hamburg American liner Hansa, formerly the Deutschland, arrested Sunday night at Pier 86, foot of West Forty-sixth Street, by Agents Izzy Einstein and Moe Smith, were arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Samuel M. Hitchcock.

Held in \$5,000 Each

The three were held in \$5,000 bail each on charges of smuggling liquor ashore from the Hansa and selling it to Izzy and Moe. A charge that customs guards on the dock were collecting \$1 a bottle to permit the German sailors to land it is being investigated.

Kurt, who was spokesman for the trio of sailors, asked Commissioner Hitchcock to rush proceedings, as he and his companions desired to return to the boat to-morrow.

"It will be a good many to-morrows before you return to a boat," the Commissioner is quoted as saying.

Professor Invokes Blood Test to Fix Infant's Paternity

Notre Dame Teacher Will Ask Merchant to Yield Lymphs for Comparison as Evidence in Trial

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 5.—On the theory that "blood will tell," it is said that the science of determining the paternity of a child by tests of its blood will be invoked in the forthcoming trial of Harry Poulin, prominent clothing merchant, who is charged by Professor John T. Tiernan, of the Notre Dame University Law School, with being the father of Mrs. Tiernan's youngest child.

Professor Tiernan is suing to compel Poulin to acknowledge paternity of the child and to support it. The child was born last November. In addition to this charge, Professor Tiernan intimates he will establish Poulin's illicit relations with a prominent South Bend married woman, if he is pushed to that extremity to win his own case. In that case, as well as his own, he says he has a large number of witnesses.

The university folks are almost solidly back of Professor Tiernan, while the city is lining up back of Poulin, who is very popular, a member of many societies and clubs and considered wealthy.

Poulin will maintain that Tiernan tried to obtain a monetary settlement when the baby was born, to defray the expenses, and that Professor Tiernan offered to abandon the money claim if Poulin would continue their friendship. Poulin also says Mrs. Tiernan shows a marked regard for him which is not reciprocated.

Poulin is married and Professor Tiernan charges that Poulin reported to Mrs. Tiernan that Mrs. Poulin was a victim of tuberculosis and would not long survive and that when he was free he would make Mrs. Tiernan his wife. Mrs. Tiernan is said to have told her husband of several alleged scenes in the Poulin residence.

Even after Professor Tiernan was aware of these alleged affairs, his fam-

ily and the Poulin's continued to be close friends, and the break came when Poulin and his wife suddenly developed a coldness toward Mrs. Tiernan. It was then that Mrs. Tiernan is said to have confessed to her husband that the baby was not his.

Professor Tiernan revealed that medical experts and analytical chemists probably will be called to prove the paternity of the nine-month-old baby. "I have had quite an extended correspondence with Dr. D. Thudicum, an authority on this subject out in California," he said. "This kind of evidence is perfectly admissible, but will have to be corroborated by expert testimony. By taking a sample of blood from the baby and another sample of Mr. Poulin's, Dr. Thudicum tells me, it will be simple to establish whether he is the father. Under certain tests, the child's blood will react to that of its father, when there will be no reaction from the blood of any other person."

Extra Grand Jury Sworn For September Session

Judge Mulqueen Rebukes Men Who Seek to Dodge Civic Service

Two September grand juries, the regular and one additional, were sworn yesterday by Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions. John Burlinson, a real estate dealer, of 130 William Street, residing at 523 West 112th Street, was named foreman of the regular September jury, and Leo Litchstein, manager of a business establishment at 251 Fourth Avenue, and with a residence at the Manhattan Square Hotel, was chosen foreman of the additional September grand jury.

In swearing in the jurors, Judge Mulqueen rebuked the efforts of a number of men to be excused from jury duty and commended one man, who had injured his foot, and whom he excused, for appearing on crutches to present a doctor's certificate.

The court made no mention of any pending matters that might be presented to either jury by the District Attorney.

For the first time in its judicial history, three grand juries will sit in Brooklyn to-day. These are the February, August and September bodies. The February jury heard the testimony in the American Theatre collapse, in which nine were killed, on November 29 last, and has not yet been dismissed.

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Ward Going on Trial at Fall Term of Court

District Attorney Silences Report Case Against Slayer Would Be Dropped

District Attorney Weeks of Westchester County announced yesterday that Walter Ward, son of the millionaire baker, would be brought to trial for the murder of Clarence Peters in the fall term of court.

Mr. Weeks characterized as "nonsense" that he would drop the prosecution of Ward. It is not likely, however, that Mr. Weeks will take any part in the presentation of the case to a jury.

Ward is out on bail. The body of

Peters was found on May 18 in the Chappaqua Road, near the Kensico Reservoir. Several days afterward Ward, then president of the New Rochelle Police Commission, confessed that he had shot the former sailor as the result of an attempt to blackmail him. Ward thus far has fought successfully attempts to have him reveal the nature of the information the alleged blackmailers were going to disclose.

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